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Serial No.: 10/563,023 Examiner: Dwayne D. Bost
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For: Method for Handling Event Triggers and Re-Authorization Triggers in Flow Based Charging

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

The Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the information noted on the enclosed form PTO/SB/08a that may be considered material to the examination of the above-identified application. A copy of the U.S. Patent cited is not being submitted. However, Applicant has included copies of the foreign patents.

No fee is due at this time, as this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(1). Applicants hereby state that each item of information contained in this statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. As a result, no fee is due at this time. A copy of the translation of the Japanese Office Action is provided for the Examiner's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,



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NOTICE OF REASONS FOR REJECTION

Application Number: 2007-501099
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Cited Articles: Article 36

This application should be rejected for the reason given below. If the applicant wishes to comment thereon, the applicant is invited to submit a response within three months from the Mailing Date of this notice.

REASON

The recitation of the claims of the present application fails to satisfy the requirements of Japanese Patent Law, Article 36, Paragraph 6, Number 2 with regard to the points listed below.

EXAMINER'S COMMENTS

The claims recite "event trigger" and "re-authorization trigger", but they are unclear as to what the triggers are, and the inventions cannot be clearly understood.

(Paragraphs 0036 and 0037 in the specification [*line 25 on page 8 to line 10 on page 9 of the English specification*] do disclose definitions of event trigger and re-authorization trigger. However, it is unclear whether the "event trigger" and "re-authorization trigger" in the present application are limited to the definitions disclosed in paragraphs 0036 and 0037. Also, if they are not limited to the definitions disclosed in paragraphs 0036 and 0037, the definition of each trigger is unclear. It is also unclear what other events actually exist.)

The applicant will be notified of new reasons for rejection if such reasons for rejection are found.

If amendments are made, sufficient attention should be paid so as to avoid the addition of new matter.

RECORD OF PRIOR ART SEARCH

- Searched Technical Fields: IPC H04L12/00 - 66
- Prior Art Reference(s):
 1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application, First Publication No. 2002-305763
 2. Published Japanese Translation No. 2002-544732 of the PCT International Publication